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CEQ pick Hartnett White may be in trouble

Geof Koss, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:42:25

Council on Environmental Quality nominee Kathleen Hartnett White, one of the White House's most controversial staffing choices, may be stuck in the Senate. White cleared the Environment and Public Works Committee last year on a party-line vote, but strong Democratic opposition meant the White House had to renominate her this month. And her problem is not only with Democrats. White is not only a defender of fossil fuels but has questioned climate science and touted the benefits of carbon dioxide. And even though she appeared to moderate her comments last year, critics panned her performance. [[read more ...](#)]

Trump advisor in Denmark to learn about wind energy

by Christian W., The Copenhagen Post • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:41:53

The Donald Trump administration may be the new champion for fossil fuels and bettering conditions for coal mine and natural gas workers across the US, but apparently sustainable energy isn't completely off the table. The US president dispatched his climate advisor, Vincent DeVito, to Denmark this week to try to glean some experiences about wind energy. Apparently, DeVito's stint in Esbjerg was a bit of an eye-opener. [[read more ...](#)]

Solar tariffs could fall heaviest on Southeastern states

Zack Colman, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:42:42

Expected tariffs on imported solar equipment could throttle a renewable energy boom in the Southeast, extending the reliance on natural gas and coal by the region's utilities. The Southeast had historically been a laggard on clean energy, but that changed as solar energy costs plummeted in the past 18 months. Many developers began eyeing the increasingly attractive utility-scale market that analysts say could drive solar's growth in the United States for the next five years or more. [[read more ...](#)]

A Solar Firm That Targets Low-Income Homes Its Rivals Won't

By Chris Martin, Bloomberg • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:42:58

A Louisiana rooftop solar company is betting on a segment of the U.S. that its rivals have largely ignored: low-income households. PosiGen LLC won 80 percent of Louisiana's rooftop solar market and helped rebuild blighted parts of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. [[read more ...](#)]

New Jersey Gov. Christie 'pocket vetoes' solar bill as he leaves office

By Robert Walton, Utility Dive • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:43:19

The New Jersey Senate was up against a deadline when it passed SB 2276 as the legislative session wound down. But because the bill was finalized within 10 days of the end of the session, it means Gov. Christie settled the bill's fate when he left office without signing it. Called a "pocket veto," it means lawmakers cannot vote to override the denial, and now the legislation must restart the process. [[read more ...](#)]

Padres installing baseball's biggest solar project

By Rob Nikolewski, The San Diego Union Tribune • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:43:48

Construction of the largest solar power system in Major League Baseball has begun at Petco Park — a 336,520-watt project comprised of 716 high-efficiency, 470-watt solar modules expected to produce more than 12 million kilowatt-hours over the next 25 years. [[read more ...](#)]

U.S. tests nuclear power system to sustain astronauts on Mars

By Will Dunham, Reuters • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:44:12

Initial tests in Nevada on a compact nuclear power system designed to sustain a long-duration NASA human mission on the inhospitable surface of Mars have been successful and a full-power run is scheduled for March, officials said on Thursday. [[read more ...](#)]

France plans to accelerate wind power projects

By Reuters • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:44:29

France is expected to announce measures this week to accelerate the installation of wind turbines and overcome long-running opposition from activists who have frustrated the country's attempts to hit renewable energy targets. [[read more ...](#)]

Wind power leader denies spying on Oklahoma state lawmaker

By The Associated Press • • Posted 2018-01-19 06:44:44

The head of an Oklahoma wind power trade group on Thursday flatly denied a state lawmaker's suggestion to police that someone connected to the industry put a tracking device on his truck to spy on him. Oklahoma Wind Coalition Executive Director Mark Yates said in a statement that wind industry representatives are not involved in spying on Republican Rep. Mark McBride of Moore. [[read more ...](#)]

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